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Applicant: Akira KONDOU et al.  
Title: STEERING SHAFT FOR ENERGY ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF  
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional  
utility patent application of:

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Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claims, and Abstract (13 pages).
- [ X ] Formal drawings (3 sheets, Figures 1A-3D).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- [ X ] Assignment of the invention to FUJI KIKO CO., LTD.
- [ X ] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [ X ] Claim for Convention Priority and Certified Copies of Priority Documents.
- [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ X ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of 10 listed references.



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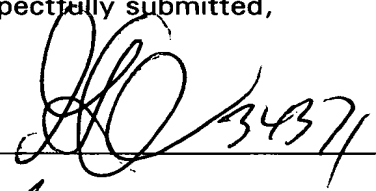
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